



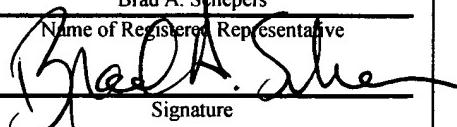
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:) Before the Examiner
Thomas Zdeblick et al.) Julian W. Woo
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Filed August 20, 2003) Ref. No. PC242.38/
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INTERBODY FUSION DEVICE AND) November 15, 2004
METHOD FOR RESTORATION OF)
NORMAL SPINAL ANATOMY)

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 4, 2004, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 19-50 were pending in the subject application for the final Office Action. In view of the following remarks and submissions, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.